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University may bar frosh from fall rush

by Alec Zacaroli
News Editor

A new policy barring first-semester freshmen from rushing GW fraternities and sororities may be implemented by the University as of the 1991 fall semester, according to Interfraternity Council President Dave Aldrich.

He said the policy would require freshmen to complete 12 semester hours at GW and maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average in order to be eligible to rush a fraternity or sorority.

"People who rush during the first semester don't do quite as well academically as their parents prefer," said Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert A. Chernak, as part of the reasoning behind implementing the policy. Chernak said he has not seen an official report regarding the policy, adding its formulation has been in progress for nearly a year.

As of now, Chernak said, "I don't have a particular bias. I can be persuaded either way."

Both Chernak and Aldrich said there is a significant amount of opposition to the policy. Chernak said some people argue that prospective freshmen are drawn to GW because of its fraternities and sororities, and might attend another school if they were unable to rush the first semester. "That might be an important factor," he said.

"I am opposed to a deferred rush," Aldrich said. He said he favored delaying such a policy until the 1992 spring semester in order to give fraternities a chance to raise the overall average grades of their freshman pledges. If the average GPA of freshman pledges, at any fraternity, is still below a 2.0, then the deferred rush policy could be implemented as a sanction against that fraternity, Aldrich added.

"If the University puts it into effect
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VICE PRESIDENT RODERICK S. FRENCH answers a question at Tuesday's Town Meeting.

Students air concerns at SA Town Meeting

by Karmela LeJarde
Hatchet Staff Writer

University administrators answered questions regarding campus security, classroom overcrowding, the Northern Virginia Campus and registration cancellations at a Town Meeting in the Marvin Center Tuesday night.

Approximately 75 to 100 people attended the GW Student Association sponsored event, according to SA President Frank Petramale.

Addressing recent concerns about a possible terrorist attack in the Marvin Center, Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert A. Chernak said questions about "bomb threats and the like are all rumors." He said University Police have tightened security by indefinitely cancelling scheduled time off for officers and placing some officers on additional shifts.

"We are in regular contact with the Pentagon, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency regarding possible threats to campus security," Chernak said.

"We have 125-plus security personnel on payroll, and a budget of \$3.5 million dollars per year," GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg added.

Trachtenberg said limitations exist regarding the extent the University can improve security. "We hope that University students with an average SAT score of 1120 can be smart enough not to place themselves in dangerous situations," he added.

According to Chernak, GW is improving security by installing better communications systems between buildings that stay open

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Protests hit campus, views clash over war

by Paul Connolly
and
Dean Watts
Hatchet Staff Writers

Since Operation Desert Shield transformed into Operation Desert Storm last week, GW students have protested from the White House to Gelman Library, both against and in favor of U.S. involvement in the Middle East.

Last Saturday, hundreds of protesters, including approximately 25 GW students, rallied in support of the U.S. military strike alongside the thousands of anti-war protestors in Lafayette Park. The GW contingent was organized by the College Republicans and Young Americans for Freedom.

The self-proclaimed "Support Our Troops" rally sparked tension in the crowd. War supporters chanted, "USA! USA! USA!" and waved American flags, along with an American flag attached to an Israeli flag. The anti-war demonstrators chanted, "Out now! Out Now!" at the supporters.

Shouting matches erupted between the two groups and police separated the pro-war group from the other demonstrators to avoid conflict. Authorities later forced the supporters to leave Lafayette Park because they lacked proper protest permits, but not before they burned an Iraqi flag.

The supporters then marched to the Iraqi Embassy, accosting passersby who were on their way to the ongoing White House peace rally. Upon arriving at the embassy, 1801 P St. NW, Army Reservist Mark Schultz, who is scheduled for deployment to the Persian Gulf, spoke to the crowd. "People don't realize how much of a downer it is for (U.S. troops) to be told by people at home that they are not doing what is right, and that is wrong. They are cutting down the morale and everything that they stand for. Our troops are going to have to do what they have to do," he said.

The crowd burned another small Iraqi flag amid shouts of, "You're next, Saddam!" while a crowd member played the National Anthem. One person watched the protesters from a second floor window of the embassy at which only 12 Iraqis remain. The crowd

yelled at the Iraqi onlooker to, "Come out and fight, unlike your wimpy leader."

CR member Steve Schackwitz said, "I was not there to support Bush. I was not there to support the war. I was there because I feel the cause is right. It's just as shallow for people to support the troops just because the president says so as it is to protest a war because others do it."

GW student Mike Ianniruberto said, "We just wanted to let our troops in the Middle East know that we support them."

Students, faculty and activists called for the immediate withdrawal of American forces from the Persian Gulf, yesterday at a protest sponsored by the GW Progressive Student Union.

The 30-minute protest attracted approximately 250 people to the Gelman Library quad. The protest also brought verbal confrontations between anti- and pro-war students. After initial chants from both sides, an anti-war student yelled, "We are not against the U.S. troops, we're for them, and we don't want them to die in a war that has no reason to exist!"

Ed Miles of the Veterans Task Force in the Gulf said, "Students, look at what will happen even if we win (the war). We will pay in lives and dollars... and the war will further destabilize the Middle East. We can't afford any of it."

Miles addressed pro-war students saying, "I was in Vietnam 22 years ago when anti-war protests were rampant. The soldiers were not bothered by the demonstrations at home... so if you support the U.S. troops, get them out of there before the war gets bloody."

Miles' speech was met by "Free Kuwait," "USA" and "Castrate LaRouche" from the chanting pro-war crowd.

GW Communications Professor Paula McKenzie said, "Students should think about what's going on (in Iraq) and take time to think about what's happening in the entire Middle East."

McKenzie said the war could be devastating to human life and the envi-

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VP outlines financial goals for next year

by Anastasia Benshoff
News Editor

GW should continue to set aside budget reserves and examine courses of resource allocation in an effort to attract and retain high quality students and maintain the facilities and services of the University, according to Vice President and Treasurer Louis H. Katz.

While overall revenues have increased six percent since last year, expenditures have increased 10 percent — a deficit that has caused GW to utilize already-budgeted reserves, Katz said. Next year's budget should include additional reserves to compen-

sate for a shortfall in tuition, he said.

The University is in a difficult period now because of changing demographics, he said, adding it is important for GW to be able to target students since the population of students is decreasing. "It's hard to commit students who aren't born. There's a decrease in the number of students. That's a problem all universities are facing and many are becoming more aggressive in their recruiting," he added.

Katz said he believes GW is "holding its own" in the area of recruiting students. "That makes me feel good, but

you don't pay your bills just knowing that relative to everyone else, you are doing well."

He said tuition increases for next year will not be above inflation rates. "I think the message has been heard on this campus, as it has been heard nationwide that it is going to be difficult for any institution to have significant tuition increases."

Part of making the University attractive to students, he said, is keeping up both the academic side of the University and its facilities. "We are definitely in a period of time where we can't reduce the quality of the product," he said. Katz

said he hopes to be able to spend more money on classroom and lab renovations in the future. He said the recent renovations to three classrooms in Stuart Hall and the recently proposed plan to add a 24-hour reading room to the Gelman Library are representative of additional projects he hopes will be completed in the future. "It is a very competitive environment," he added.

Katz said he wants the University to budget money for renovations. "It may not be a big number, but any amount over what we are doing would be

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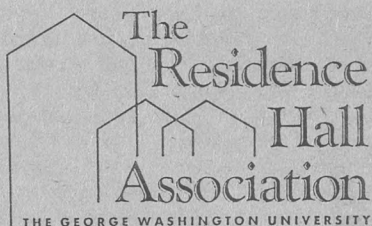
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GW looks at war's effect at home

University responds to international students' concerns, fears

by Debbie Solomon
Asst. News Editor

While many GW students are worried about the Persian Gulf situation, students from the Middle East have special concerns about their homelands and the implications of the war.

A member of Students for Kuwait, who asked to remain anonymous, said Middle Eastern students at GW are scared. "(Middle Eastern) students here are concerned and worried about this war. It's not a question of whether the war is going to happen — it's happened. Now students are worried about their families who are still at home," he said.

"Many of the students can't even get in touch with their families to know if they are okay or not. Phone lines in Iraq are no longer working, and phone lines in Kuwait have been on and off since America invaded last August," International Student Services Director Donald Driver said.

International Students Society President Stefan Weiss agreed there is a great deal of concern among Middle Eastern students at GW. "Students are concerned about the whole war. They are worried about what will happen to their countries, and they are scared that their families will be harmed."

According to Weiss, a major concern of Middle Eastern students is that the war is going to create racial tension between Middle Eastern students and the rest of the GW community. "Many students are afraid of tensions between themselves and American students. Stereotypes are perpetuated by the media, and people also create their own

stereotypes. They're afraid people are saying, 'he looks Arabic, he must be a terrorist,'" Weiss said.

According to Driver, Iraqi embassy officials have suggested all Middle Eastern students keep a low profile so they will not be victims of stereotypes. "These students are concerned about the war, and some of them are even pro-America, but they aren't getting involved in protests. They want to maintain low visibility and not actively demonstrate," he said.

In addition to students' fears about stereotypes, Weiss said Middle Eastern students are concerned about Israel's possible involvement in the war. "They are afraid that Israel is going to get involved and the entire region will become one big mess," he said.

Approximately 30 percent of the GW community is from the Middle East, Driver said, and the University is concerned with their needs and wants. The University Counseling Center has developed a program aimed to help students, both American and Middle Eastern, overcome their fears and apprehensions, according to Anne Mills, coordinator of Creative Arts Therapy Services.

The counseling center will host an open discussion for students to voice their concerns and feelings about the Persian Gulf War today at 11 a.m. in Building N, 718 21st St.

According to Mills, the program is designed to be a safe forum for students and staff to express their feelings. "We want students to know that there is a place they can go to talk about their views on the situation, whether they are

scared or not, and to find out how to deal with their feelings," Mills said.

The discussion will be led by Mills and Michelle Weene, who holds a Ph.D. in psychology. "When war was declared last week, we decided to have this discussion," she said, adding it's important for students to discuss their feelings in a non-hostile environment.

"This is not like any other war we've ever had, students' concerns are different, their needs are different," Mills said.

Although the discussion will focus on the war, Mills said, the group is not meant to be a place for angry political discussion. "This is not a place to discuss who is right and who is wrong," she added.

"Some students might be afraid of terrorism, that's something that we will explore. Other students may be thinking about enlisting but need a place to air their views and concerns," she said.

One issue Mills said she is interested in exploring is hostilities of students on campus. "There might be some students who feel that their peers are being hostile towards them. These students may need a place to come in and talk about their feelings," Mills said, adding other students may not know how to deal with their Iraqi peers and may want to learn how to dilute their hostilities.

"Some students may have friends whose views are so totally different that they are afraid to say anything. That is why we're here," she said. "This type of forum may become a routine part of the counseling center if it is found necessary. The group is free, and help on an individual basis is available as well," she added.

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At the homefront

It's hard to study when you know people are dying.

The war in the Persian Gulf has put everyone's nerves on edge, even though most of us only view it from the safety of our own living rooms, not the front lines.

For some, however, more than others, the war is very personal. Almost all of us know a soldier who is part of Operation Desert Storm. Many GW students have friends and loved ones in Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Israel or Jordan. And for those with family in the area, the tension must be unbearable.

Wisely, the University is responding. The University Counseling Center is sponsoring support groups to help members of the GW community get through these hard times, and the GW Medical Center has established a hotline for people who need to discuss their stresses and concerns.

No matter how you feel, or where you are from, it is necessary for people to address how this war has affected our lives. Perhaps during these sessions we will find some common ground on which to stand.

While it's good that the University cares — GW can only do so much. The war in the Middle East has evoked many prejudices. As this war progresses, our sensitivities as a nation and as a University will be tested.

It is important that students remember this is a nation of many cultures, and this is an international university. Our diversity is our strength. Students from other countries, Iraq included, are just as much a part of this University as anyone else.

Attacks, racial slurs and hysterical comments towards Arabs, Jews or Americans should not be tolerated. It does not help our troops in the field — it only makes things worse here at home.

Though the world is at war, peace can prevail here at GW.



Growing up

Some University officials think it would be a good idea to prevent freshmen from rushing a fraternity or sorority if they don't have at least 12 credits and a 2.0 grade point average.

This is a good idea — but so is brushing your teeth. Academics are important, but making your own decisions is even more important. A university is about adults making mature choices and learning from past mistakes. GW would be wrong if it started making choices for students, even if it is in their best interest.

Admittedly, first-year college students may not know what they are getting themselves into. Perhaps it would be wise to wait a semester before making a major commitment like joining a fraternity or sorority. But that decision ultimately should belong to the student, not a university.

Even freshmen are capable of such decisions. A significant financial commitment along with academic standards enforced by the national organizations are adequate methods to keep naive freshmen from being recruited into a fraternity or sorority. More rules are unnecessary.

The University has not made a compelling case that pledging during a student's first semester does any damage to his or her academic performance. Some students are going to do poorly and some are going to do well. Who is to say that the same students the University is trying to protect are not going to spend their time partying and carousing somewhere else?

It is unfair that fraternities and sororities have been singled out. Will the administration then begin to regulate membership in other student organizations like the College Democrats, College Republicans, Program Board or even The GW Hatchet? It would be absurd to limit their membership based on academic performance — are fraternities and sororities so different?

Thanks but no thanks GW, you don't need to coerce anyone into taking academics seriously.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Against aggression

We, the Muslim Students Association of GW, stand unequivocally against all and every aggression.

We oppose the Iraqi invasion and forced annexation of Kuwait. We, however, also oppose all acts of American aggression in the region. We reject the presence of American and other foreign military forces in the birthplace of Islam. The use of American military force in the region creates a dangerous precedent, sparking memories of colonialism, the lasting repercussions of which remain devastating to the life, liberty and culture of the region. The current military action against Iraq aims at the destruction of the military, and industrial resources of our Ummah (nation) is absolutely unacceptable to every responsible Arab and Muslim. It is resented because the action is seen as emanating from a superpower that cannot be compelled to withdraw, as well being a principle ally of the Israelis.

The use of military force against Iraq coupled with a continuing policy of categorical support for Israeli occupation, ambitions and oppression of the Palestinian people, despite a large number of United Nations resolutions against the Israeli actions, opens a serious credibility gap between U.S. decision-makers and Muslim and Arab people. The present actions taken against Iraq underscore a double standard in American policy when contrasted with its actions taken against Israeli aggressions. The double standard represents a flaw in the U.S. policy of ignoring both the aspirations of the people of the Middle East as well as the principles based on morality or justice.

We call upon the United States to totally withdraw its forces from the region. We call upon the governments

of the Middle East to respect the God-given human and civil rights of their citizens. We call upon the people of the Middle East to demand their Islamically-guaranteed rights of freedom and justice, which have for so long been denied to them by corrupt leaders whose foreign-backed dictatorships, whether in Iraq, Kuwait or elsewhere, do not represent the hopes and aspirations of their people.

We also call upon the media to be attentive to the concerns of oppressed people worldwide, whether in Kuwait, Palestine, Kashmir, South Africa or the Soviet republics.

-Mohamed Saleem, president
-GW Muslim Students' Association

Real American

In recent weeks, dozens of peacenik protests across the nation have captured the media's attention. Unfortunately, what has not captured the media's attention is the majority opinion of most Americans. It would be ludicrous to think that these peacenik activists are actually representing the mainstream American view regarding President Bush's policy in the Middle East. Many of these activists have been congregating around groups that have notoriously been anti-American for years — Pledge of Resistance, CISPES, Young Socialists Alliance — to name a few.

These extreme leftist groups have always been against American foreign policy and especially the American armed forces. To believe that they actually care about the lives of American soldiers in the Middle East is very naive. These are the same types of people who spat on Vietnam veterans and accused them of being baby killers 20 years ago.

Furthermore, the hypocrisy of these protestors is absolutely astounding. While they profess to be peaceful and nonviolent, they resort to despicable acts such as littering, burning the American flag and effigies of American soldiers, vandalizing public property, blocking traffic, harassing passersby and in some cases instigating physical aggression against police officers. Is it any wonder that hundreds have already been arrested because of this juvenile behavior? Decent Americans ought to thank police forces across the nation for cleaning up the mess in the streets when it has been deemed necessary.

What is most disturbing about these peaceniks, though, is that they display no signs or banners condemning Iraq's brutalization of Kuwait (which would certainly give them some credibility). Instead, they carry signs and banners condemning troops in Saudi Arabia. Considering that Saddam Hussein watches CNN, it is a blessing for the butcher of Baghdad to see that not only are his officials and his troops against the American armed forces, but also are the social deviants in Lafayette Park.

Now that the United Nations' deadline for Iraq to pull out of Kuwait has passed and the war has begun, the time has come. Now more than ever, it is time for real Americans to start being loud and show support for our troops who are putting their lives on the line. The troops need to know that the majority of Americans support them and what they are doing. More than 200 nations in the United Nations are backing America's objectives to liberate Kuwait and stop Iraqi aggression and brutality. It is time for real Americans to be supportive. The Gulf War is not an issue of partisan politics, it is an American issue. Be a patriot.

-Scott Lauf, chairman
-GW Young Americans for Freedom

OPINION

Take pride in our troops, military accuracy in the Gulf

For the nearly 90 percent of Americans who support President Bush's actions in the Persian Gulf, this had to have been a satisfying week — not because the president decided to wage war so soon, but because the allied operations have been so devastatingly successful.

I supported the use of force to eradicate Saddam Hussein's forces from Kuwait and eliminate his war-making capabilities, but I also hoped that sanctions and diplomacy would be enough to get him out. All that is left is to pull for our men and women in the Middle East and take pride in the skill of our troops and the superiority of our technology.

The first week of fighting has been a showcase for American military sophistication and has been, at this writing, a resounding success. The first surprise aerial attack over Baghdad and the other Iraqi targets was almost historic in its accuracy and success. Out of the

hundreds of air missions that night, only one allied aircraft was lost and approximately 80 percent of the targeted sites were hit. Newscasters reported looking out a fifth floor hotel window in downtown Baghdad and watching missiles weaving through the streets on their way to their intended targets. Now that's accuracy.

Overall, with the help of radar-jamming aircraft and the bombing of communications and antimissile installations, 7,000 air missions have been flown into Iraq and occupied Kuwait with only 14 allied aircraft downed as of Monday night. On the ground, we have been just as effective in using Iraq's counterattack as a new star in the military world is born: the Patriot missile.

With the Patriot, allied forces were able to shoot down nine incoming Iraqi Scud missiles Sunday over Saudi Arabia. These missiles, which were shot at the Riyadh, the Saudi capital and the

allied installation of Dhahran, could have caused heavy casualties if not intercepted. With the Patriot, much of Iraq's retaliatory capabilities have been neutralized and, with U.S. forces maintaining Patriots in Israel, Tel Aviv and surrounding parts can sleep a bit easier also.

Oscar D. Avila

The Patriot and other U.S. technological coups, including the "night vision" of allied aircraft, have exonerated, at least in part, a defense industry which has gotten a bad rep for cost overruns and inefficiency. It has also been yet another benefit of the highly criticized defense build-up of the Reagan years.

During his terms, President Ronald Reagan stepped up defense spending to force the Soviets to either scale down their arms buildup and back off their satellite nations or go bankrupt trying to compete. They chose the former and the

world is now better for it.

U.S. weapons built up during this time are finally being used, not against the Soviets, but to try to free a captive nation from the hands of a brutal war-seeking dictator and to prevent a future chemical or nuclear holocaust in the Middle

We should be proud of the superiority of our scientific and technological machinery, but we should be even more proud of the men and the women operating that equipment. Their bravery and courage in serving in the Middle East was never doubted. Now that war has started, their intelligence and skill are being shown to the world. One U.S.

soldier spoke of the pressure he felt in firing the Patriot missile at a Scud missile heading for his base, knowing that, if he missed, his companions were in danger. But that soldier came through and others like him have also.

So perhaps a bit of quiet reflection amid the protesting and heated debate is in order. No matter what side of the argument we are on, we can all take pride in the valor and skill of our troops. We do not have to be "pro-war" to be pro-troops and even the "give peace a chance" crowd can praise the success of these early operations and laud the people serving in the Middle East. After all, our troops' personal character and our nation's technological strength will, I hope, result in what all Americans want: resolution of this conflict and the safe return of our friends and family.

Oscar D. Avila is a freshman majoring in international affairs.

President explains role of a university in a world at war

As I write this column, the second full day of fighting in the Middle East is underway. No Israeli retaliation has taken place for the Iraqi missiles that hit Tel Aviv and Haifa. There are rumors of an impending ground attack by American and allied forces. And in general, euphoria continues to be the tone of radio and television broadcasts, while the White House and Pentagon issue periodic warnings with respect to "hard fighting still at hand."

War has so many traditional effects, including heightened feelings of national solidarity and national purpose. And this has come soon after the end of the 1980s when it seemed as if there could be no end to the feeling that "me" was the only cause worth serving and "I" the only pronoun worth using. As has been the case for human nature since our species got started, there's nothing like a common foe to make our common bonds grow stronger.

Which helps to point out the problem military campaigns have always posed for those in the academic world — a counter-world, in many ways, that tries to maintain attitudes of neutrality, general fairness and critical but not hostile attention even toward those officially defined, by the individual nations in which universities are located, as "the enemy."

But that's just to say that universities and colleges have even more trouble than the rest of their individual societies in facing the fact that on the brink of the third millennium, might instead of right is still the final court of appeal for nation states in conflict. Right down to the moment hostilities begin, the dance of diplomacy continues as if it will go on forever. It's a world of polite bows and handshakes, of seating-order and seniority, that often smacks of 18th century Europe.

And it can so quickly give way to its

opposite: a wild and untamed stance reminiscent of a territorial or mating struggle between some of our cousins, the lower "high mammals" whose aggressive equipment the British poet Tennyson one summarized as "nature red in tooth and claw." At a moment like the one in which we're living right now,

Stephen Joel Trachtenberg

the goal is no longer for various "embassy types" to penetrate a verbal defense or counter a clever quip at a White House cocktail party, but to penetrate steel, bone and cartilage in as explosive a manner as science and technology make possible and international standards permissible.

When diplomacy gives way to physical destruction, what should a university like GW do? Its students, faculty and staff are living embodiments of a more-than-just-national perspective. Indeed, if it's an up-to-date university — which GW certainly is — then it's a place practically designed from the ground up to counter all limited perspectives of that kind. And what is war between nation states even when it's been blessed, or reluctantly tolerated, by international bodies like the United Nations? The true "fuel" of the conflict, we quickly become aware, is the fact that it's us (in this case the United States) against them (in this case Iraq).

The ultimate rationalization, for a school like ours, may have to be that "this too shall pass" and that when the effort to reason, rather than the struggle to eradicate, is once again in charge of our nation's official stance in "the family of nations," the values we

embrace as an academic community can once again come out of their foxholes.

Meanwhile, it's important that none of us forget how very internationalized our campus in fact is. Students and faculty here on our Foggy Bottom campus are drawn from every conceivable national "point of view" where current events in the Middle East are concerned, including the neutral and still-to-commit perspectives. Mutual caring and mutual respect — philosophies that must transcend our nation's military frame-of-mind while not impeding it — probably represent the only strategy that can help us to defend and preserve the most precious resource of all, on which a peacetime America will once again need to draw: our individual and collective sense of self respect.

Stephen Joel Trachtenberg is president of GW.

MORE LETTERS

Police protection

I am writing in response to Russell D. Nomer's letter in the Jan. 17 issue of The GW Hatchet. Though I may agree that University Police need to carry more effective weapons in the "murder capital" of the world, I completely disagree that University Police cannot protect us.

Thursday, Jan. 16, five of my friends and I were walking home from the Black Rooster approximately 1 a.m. We walked up 20th Street because my friends were walking me back to Thurston Hall, where I am a resident assistant. As we passed Domino's and Connections on 20th and K streets, a group of approximately college-aged males were yelling profanities at us. We continued to walk up 20th Street paying no attention to the group. The men proceeded to follow us and between Eye and K streets they ran up behind us,

blocked our path and attacked us. I was the only one to escape. I ran to call the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department while the rest of my friends tried to defend themselves. The 911 emergency number was BUSY. I then called University Police and they responded in two minutes with two cars. My friends, as a result of being out numbered, suffered a variety of injuries, some needing medical attention.

University Police responded to our call for help at an off-campus location when Metropolitan Police could not. They apprehended one suspect and aided in arresting three more. All of the other suspects escaped. After MPD arrived, 10 minutes later, University Police made sure that our interests were looked after. They ensured that MPD did their job. After the incident, University Police drove two of my friends to the hospital and then drove me home.

Without the help of University Police, we would have been in worse shape than we already were. We just

wanted to take the time to thank University Police for their help. They were there when we really needed them.

-Michelle R. Roke

Missing flyers

What is freedom of speech? Well, according to the Progressive Student Union, it is tearing down other student groups' flyers that directly oppose their fanatical beliefs.

On Jan. 14, several members of Young Americans for Freedom and I were posting flyers on bulletin boards in the Marvin Center and around campus. Upon returning to the Marvin Center fourth floor approximately 10 minutes after posting, we found that all our flyers had been torn down. We suspected that the PSU had done it, so we confronted two of their members who were in their office at the time. The two PSU

members immediately denied tearing down our flyers. Then, to our dismay, we found about a dozen of our flyers crumpled in trash baskets in their office and asked them why they were there. Caught red-handed, they still denied it.

Nothing is more distressing than to spend time and money on a project and have your political opponents destroy it minutes later. I would like to take this opportunity now to express outrage at the PSU's immature tactics of suppressing YAF's right to free speech. YAF does not resort to tearing down flyers that have any student groups' name on them, so we expect the PSU to do the same.

Unfortunately, the PSU has not acted in a civil way. We hope that the PSU will have the heart and the courage to apologize to us for what they have done. If they do not, then we hope they will take the time to reconsider that they not do it again.

-Brad Iorizzo

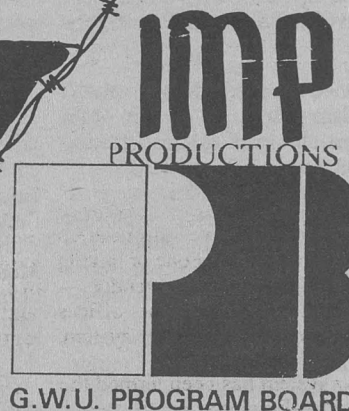
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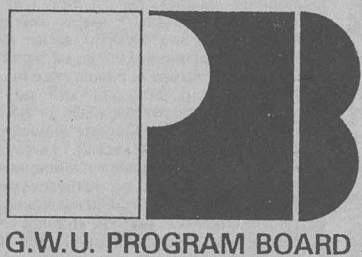


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by Karmela Lejarde

Hatchet Staff Writer

Major changes to the GW computer system will soon link the various administrative computer systems together, according to Vice President of Information and Administrative Services Walter M. Bortz.

Bortz said the computer systems currently running in GW's various administrative offices were put in operation at different times and not linked together. "If, for example, you need to make an address change, it would have to be inputted into several systems, instead of just one," he said.

Bortz said the University is looking to obtain a comprehensive information system — either creating one or buying one from a major software vendor — which would link all of the offices together by a central computer system.

The new system has been termed the "Integrated Administrative System," and its goal is to connect the University's student information system (including recruiting and financial aid), the alumni development system, the human resources system and the finance system (including revenue and University expenditures) and connect the entire system together, Bortz said.

"Through the interconnection of the various departments, we hope to increase efficiency and access to

records," Bortz said. The project has no set deadline, but Bortz said he hopes to have five or six modules installed within the next three years.

The University is also in the process of implementing another computer project to link GW's information network with other university supercomputers around the country, such as Princeton or Carnegie Mellon, according to University Computer Center Director James A. Barrett.

"It is aimed toward conducting faculty and technical research in the University," he said.

This new system, known as the GW Information Network (GWIN), is a proposed high-speed network which will also enable students to access authorized information from across campus into their dorms, he added.

"Students can look at their grades, check their bills, and eventually check their (class) registration through computer," Barrett said. "Information will also be linked from the University to (GW) hospital."

The project is now in its second phase and is currently running a cost of approximately \$70,000. Barrett said the cost for GW to install this system is less than other universities because GW already has the fiber optic cables necessary for the link.

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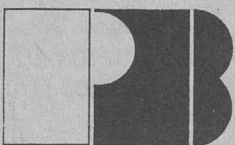
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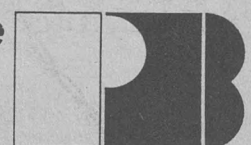
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better," he said. These additional funds, Katz said, would not be a "newfound wealth, but I think we will budget some money."

While renovations in the academic buildings are important, Katz said he hopes feedback from the rest of the University will identify other projects of importance.

Response from members of the GW community will be especially important with the idea of resource allocation — moving money from one area to another. He said the reallocation process

will not affect academic departments, but other administrative units.

"We need to build a process on this campus for resource allocation — who should be consulted, and what process we need to go through, not focusing on the outcome. If everyone agrees on the process, it is the first step," he said.

Administrative units, including offices in Rice Hall, physical facilities, parking and food services, are some of the areas subject to reallocation. "Obviously, in some areas we won't take out but put more in, such as security. Even if students weren't talking about security, this isn't the time to (remove funds in that area)," he added.

"Within the framework for resource allocation, while you are putting money in some places, you are taking away

from somewhere else. It has to be fair but there will never be 100 percent consensus," he said.

Katz said he hopes next year's Budget Advisory Team will focus on the process of forming the budget.

Someone needs to be the process, he said. The BAT should address the annual budgeting process, how and why it is happening in this manner — multi-year financial planning.

"If we can build a framework that can be accepted by the various constituencies on campus, the BAT will be a success. Then we need to go out and do it, it's not enough to just talk about it," he added.

GW examines study abroad

GW is establishing policies to accommodate students who may have to return home from study abroad programs because of the war in the Middle East, according to Director of Study Abroad Jennifer Wright.

Wright said she is currently working with Vice President for Academic Affairs Roderick French to form guidelines for returning study abroad students. French said the provisions will probably be ready by the end of this week.

Wright said her office has received some phone calls from students and parents concerned about how the situation in the Middle East will affect study abroad programs. She said GW has advised

students studying abroad to keep in contact with U.S. embassies and program directors and abide by State Department guidelines for travel. To her knowledge, Wright said only a couple of programs have been cancelled, including Trinity College's (Hartford) program in Italy.

In some cases, Wright said, students are not encouraged to return from their programs. "Sometimes it is less safe to travel than to stay put," she said.

Wright said most students studying in Israel were on mid-semester break, either back in the United States or traveling, when the first fighting began.

-Anastasia Benshoff

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GW sponsors summer programs

Program encourages women to pursue careers in science

by Laura Gladstone

Hatchet Staff Writer

High school students from the D.C. area are engaging in a new program designed to encourage young minority women to pursue their interests in computers and sciences, according to a University Relations press release.

The program, formed by GW computer science professors Rachelle Heller and Diane Martin, began last February after the two received a grant from the National Science Foundation.

"We were very concerned that there are not enough women and minorities in the computer field and in all the sciences," Heller said. "The U.S. is going to see that there are not enough people entering the science professions and there is going to be a real shortage."

Twenty-four women from ninth and tenth grade will participate in the program.

Participants will spend several days working on computer projects in GW's computer lab. The University will house the participants in campus residence halls for 10 days in July. The women are scheduled to go on field trips, listen to guest speakers and work on a project of interest in the technological field, such as space travel or DNA.

Heller said she believes living in the residence halls is an important aspect of the program.

"Many of these girls don't know what it means to go to college. No one in their family has ever gone or given it much thought. This encourages the girls to see what its like to go to college and how important it is to get a college education," Heller said.

During the 10-day period, Heller said she hopes the women form a comraderie. "I want (each of) the girls to know she isn't alone in her interests in the computers and sciences."

"They may not be the best scientists, but they are interested. This project lets them know that there are other minority girls interested in science, too. This isn't just a subject for white males," Heller said.

Area teenagers to participate in hands-on science course

by Oscar Avilla

Hatchet Staff Writer

GW's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences will offer approximately 500 local high school students hands-on experience in the sciences this summer through the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program.

SEAP is an eight-week program, June 24 through Aug. 1, that allows its participants to work on a one-to-one basis with a scientist in a Department of Defense laboratory, according to SEAP Director Marilyn Krupsaw. The deadline for applications is Jan. 31.

"(Students) are part of an ongoing research team. It's a full five-day week," Krupsaw said. "They get real-world experience, a chance to apply what they learn in science and math class to the real world."

GW allows SEAP students to take an introductory, tuition-free engineering class on Saturdays throughout the program. SEAP also gives students a \$1,200 educational support stipend to cover expenses, Krupsaw said.

However, since SEAP is funded by a grant from the Department of Defense — facing heavy expenses from Operation Desert Storm — the program will be accepting one-third fewer applicants than in previous years because of budget cuts, Krupsaw said.

Students' access to DOD projects will not be affected by the war in the Persian Gulf, Krupsaw said.

SEAP also gives students a look at GW's engineering program and what it has to offer, Krupsaw said.

"We bring the students on campus. They become aware of the caliber of our faculty and what we have to offer to students," she said. "We really hope we get these kids as students. Some we get, but not as many as I thought."

SEAP's primary goal is to get young people interested in science, even if they do not pursue careers in that field, Krupsaw said. This is the sixth year GW has participated in the program.

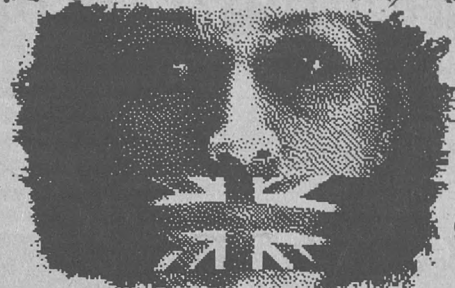
"We need more students pursuing careers in science for the future of our nation," she added.

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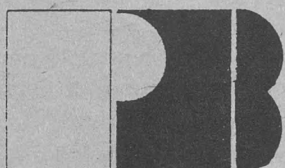
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Dining out is just part of the Yuppie scene in 'Eastern Standard.'

'Standard' tale unique Studio's Yuppie play surprisingly fresh

by J. M. Welsh

Haven't we all had enough of insecure Yuppies? Haven't we exhausted every storyline about whining baby boomers? The issue is passe. Or is it?

"Eastern Standard," premiering at the Source Theatre, boldly and effectively explores this already well-charted territory — including male menopause, female power brokers and homosexual insecurity, to name just a few of the marked topics. The best part of "Eastern Standard," though, is that it's as fresh today as "Thirtysomething" was four years ago, less the whining.

"Eastern Standard" is playwright Richard Greenberg's most successful play yet, having made it to Broadway. Clearly, his eloquent, satirical style as an author has played a major role in achieving such status. But what is so special about this particular play is its mass appeal. These characters may as well be your parents or your best friends or your parents' best friends. Greenberg's sense of our culture's changing attitudes places everyone on the edge of their seats, either laughing or crying.

Imagine a trendy, upscale restaurant in Manhattan — one that serves "grouper tortellini" and other creatively disgusting dishes. Enter Stephen, an overly sensitive architect going through the initial stages of a mid-life crisis. Day in and day out he is eating at this restaurant for the same reason — to admire from afar a woman named Phoebe, presumably "the love of his life."

Enter Drew, Stephen's best friend who has been summoned to offer moral support. When the object of Stephen's lust arrives, however, she is not alone. Enter Peter, Phoebe's brother, who quickly becomes the "love of Drew's life." Throw in an epileptic bag lady and

an enterprising waitress/actress and Greenberg's style begins to shine.

What follows is a hilarious and sensitive story about two couples in love, who naturally must face the never ending obstacles of our times: suicidal ex-boyfriends, insider trading scandals, homelessness and AIDS.

What's most impressive about "Eastern Standard" is its cast. Rather than each individual singling themselves out with various talents or strengths, each actor puts in the precise amount of energy to keep the ensemble at equilibrium.

The love affair depicted by Carter Reardon (Stephen) and Kimberly Schraf (Phoebe) is a perfect complement to the doomed, but nonetheless uplifting relationship shown by Kevin Reese (Drew) and Rick Foucheux (Peter). The often elusive skills of chemistry, timing and spontaneity are presented *en masse* in "Eastern Standard." There just aren't enough good things to say about the integrity and talent manifested in this production.

The set of the show was blessed with impeccable efficiency and beauty. Minor details, such as music between scenes, lured the audience in further with just the right mix of old and new jazz tunes (including a little Sinead O'Connor and Elvis Costello). Best of all, the entire production seemed effortless.

"Eastern Standard" achieves a level of excellence often hard to find in smaller, more community-oriented theatres such as the Source. Work like this should not go unnoticed.

"Eastern Standard" will run through Feb. 16 at the Source Theater, 1835 14th St., NW. For information or tickets call (202) 462-1073.

Where the buffalo roam

Buffalo Tom's unstoppable beat adds to Boston's music scene

by Annie Bird

Buffalo Tom awed and overpowered me last Saturday night at the 9:30 Club. The band's latest release, *Birdbrain*, left me eagerly anticipating a live performance. I suspected that any band conveying so much energy through my stereo had to be downright unstoppable live, and I wasn't disappointed.

The band's Husker Du-influenced guitar and bone-shaking drum work is translated effectively into a "very live sounding" album, as bassist Chris Colbourn described it in an interview before the show.

This trio, consisting of guitarist/vocalist Bill Janovitz, Colbourn on bass and drummer Tom Maginnis, has the potential to be yet another group added to the list of exciting bands coming out of the Boston area. The Boston music scene has given us The Pixies, Throwing Muses, The Blake Babies, and of course, the sonic giant, Dinosaur Jr. According to Colbourn, the area's fertility relies upon "young, college-age kids coming together from all over the country," resulting in a lot of competition, enthusiastic audiences and a pool of talented individuals with free time to play their instruments.

This phenomenon is not unique to the Boston area. It seems to be occurring in many regions of the country, notably in Athens, Ga. Still, Colbourn denies the existence of a "Boston sound," but also states that if there is a common thread uniting the area's music, it is songwriting.

Both *Birdbrain* and the group's self-titled debut album were produced by Dinosaur Jr. guitarist J Mascis. This collaboration proved to be a mixed blessing for the band. Colbourn explains it was simply logical to work with Mascis because he was a local musician who had already done two albums and was familiar with studio work. By the time Buffalo Tom's first album came out, Mascis was "big," according to Colbourn. And while the band's affiliation with him did initially open doors for them, it also encouraged a stream of relentless comparisons to Dinosaur Jr.

Although there are similarities in the bands' driven instrumentals and urgent vocals, Colbourn explains it was the similar tastes that drew the two groups together in the first place. According to Janovitz, the bands shared "basically the same interests," and Mascis was a hands-off producer in the studio.

The influences Janovitz shares with Mascis are a mesh of Husker Du and the pop music of the 70s. "Husker Du said you can still play really hard, but you'd be lying to say you didn't grow up in the 70s and listen to the radio and love all those real traditional pop songs," Janovitz explains. He also expresses an interest in Neil Young, which is not surprising considering Young's new

album with Crazy Horse, *Ragged Glory*, has elicited comparisons to both Sonic Youth and Dinosaur Jr.

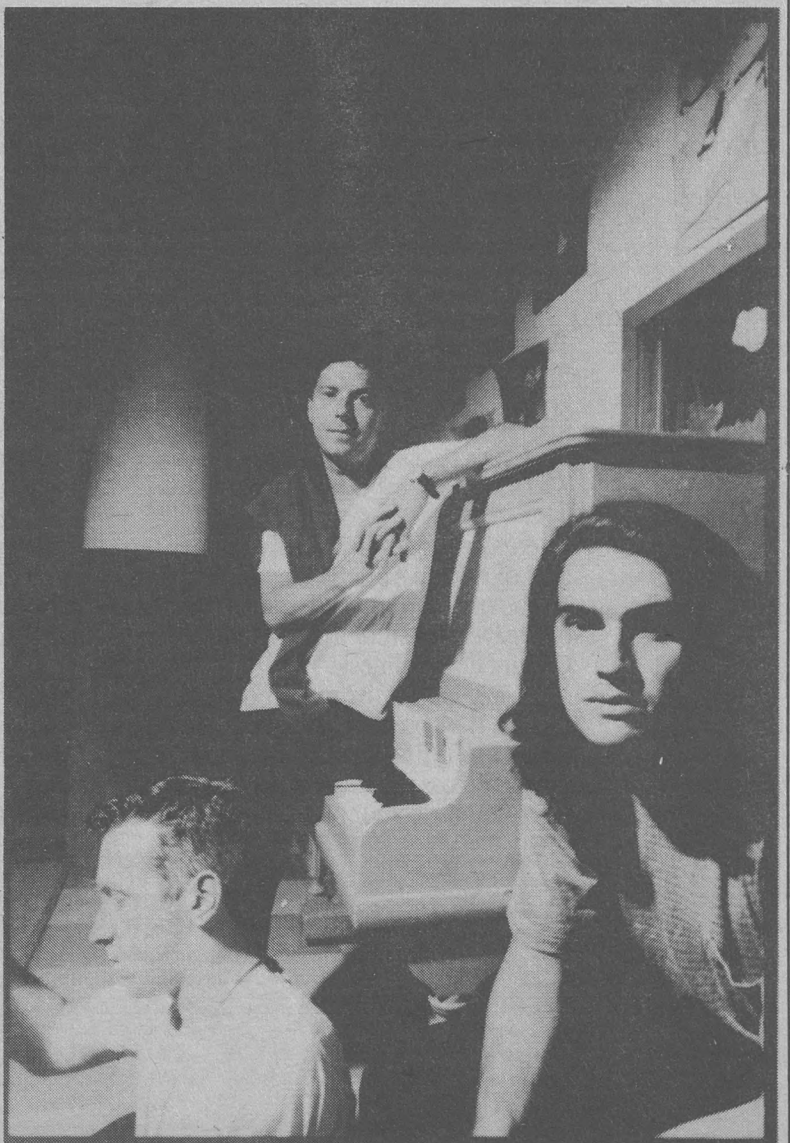
Buffalo Tom's self-titled debut album was released in 1988 on SST Records, a label that has also promoted the work of Sonic Youth, Husker Du and Dinosaur Jr. The band is now signed with RCA on the Beggars Banquet label. The production of its latest album and the experience of touring has kept the band busy, and the members find themselves playing to increasingly larger audiences. "To us, it's hard to believe, and now it's a given that we have to go onto a third record and we have to do touring. It's like a professional thing," Janovitz says. And though the novelty of making an album has worn off, Buffalo Tom is still developing as a band. "We write stuff faster, so now we're getting more creative on demand," Janovitz says.

Janovitz is the main songwriter for the group, though all three musicians are a part of the music-writing process. "Most of the songs I write, then I bring (the songs) to them with the melody and the basic chord parts. Then they write their parts and make suggestions. It's definitely a band process . . . And not only from the writing process to the band, but also

from the band to the record, and then the record through four years of touring," Janovitz explains.

The melding of their varied influences has resulted in honest, hard-edged rock that is catchy. I find myself singing along with the title track and my personal favorite, "Enemy." "Fortune Teller" is an especially interesting mix of sounds. Janovitz's yearning voice combines with an acoustic (can you believe it?) guitar to give the song an almost country feel. The lyrics are self-deprecating in some cases such as, "I'm just a lying son-of-a-bitch/ And I don't need this town," and "They say I'm a birdbrain/ If I am then can I just fly away," yet bold in others such as, "I can open every door that stands in front of me." The songs express isolation with lyrics such as, "Please crawl across to me/ Please crawl across the silent door," and anger with, "She breaths electricity/ She is my enemy."

The clear and genuine communication of these feelings combined with Janovitz's expressive voice makes Buffalo Tom's music as emotive as that of someone like James Taylor, but perhaps in a way which speaks more honestly to and for today's disquieted youth.



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Security beat

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University Police have strong leads in a vandalism incident that occurred Jan. 11 between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m. in Thurston Hall, according to University Police Inspector J.D. Harwell. Windows in the ninth, eighth, seventh, sixth, fourth, third and second floor laundry rooms were knocked out and evidence of blood was found in all locations. Blood was also splattered throughout the hall of the building indicating the suspect probably used his fists to break the window panes, Harwell said, adding the person appeared to have bled severely. University Police have checked area hospitals for reports of serious hand wounds. The crime is still under investigation, Harwell said.

Textbooks have recently become popular items to steal, Harwell said, adding many of the textbooks are taken from lockers that are not securely closed. He said students should check the lockers to make sure the locks are securely fastened before they leave their belongings.

A total of \$187 in textbooks, notebooks and personal papers was stolen from a locker on the ground floor of the

Marvin Center between 11 p.m. Jan. 20 and 5 p.m. Jan. 21. The perpetrator absconded 12 textbooks and the locker appears to have been forced open, Harwell said.

Sometime between Jan. 17 and Jan. 22, another locker on the ground floor was opened by what was probably a forceful "jerk" on the latch. The locker was emptied of its contents of clothing and other items, valued at \$180, Harwell said.

In an identical incident, numerous textbooks were stolen Jan. 22 from another ground floor locker between 3:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. The books had a total value of approximately \$200. This locker also appeared to have been jerked open, Harwell said, adding the same person or persons is probably responsible for the burglarized lockers.

A woman reported a \$700-valued sapphire and diamond ring missing from her handbag that she left unattended Jan. 10 in the outer-room of the Marvin Center ground floor women's

restroom at approximately 3:30 p.m. The woman was in the inner-restroom when the theft occurred.

On Jan. 11, \$180 was stolen from a locker in the Smith Center men's varsity swim team locker room. The locker had no signs of forced entry, Harwell said.

A backpack was stolen Jan. 15 from the fifth floor of the Marvin Center. The man reported he left the backpack unattended on a chair while he played pool.

When he returned the backpack was missing. No value has been assigned to the missing items, Harwell said.

A wallet containing \$218 was stolen Jan. 17 from a study carrel on the ground floor of the Marvin Center. The student left his jacket, containing the wallet, unattended for an undetermined amount of time at approximately 12:30 a.m. When he returned, he found the wallet and money missing, Harwell said.

-Wayne Miltstead

Speakers give insights into Republican politics

by John Czwartacki
and
Sharon K. Hughes
Hatchet Staff Writers

Perry Hooper, a member of the Alabama Republican Party, and Frank Visco, chairman of the California Republican Party, discussed various topics this week as part of "A Look Inside the Republican National Committee," a program sponsored by the GW College Republicans.

George Bush will be one of the best presidents in American history, Visco told a group of approximately 25 at his speech Tuesday in Fungler Hall.

Visco addressed issues ranging from the Persian Gulf crisis to redistricting in California.

He told the audience abortion should be regulated only in cases where the fetus is viable outside the womb. "Legislatures should not tell a woman" she can never have an abortion, he said, adding abortion is a personal issue which men have little understanding of.

Visco said today's politicians should address more substantial issues and "keep their mouth shut about abortion." He criticized the conservative wing of his party as "having only two issues: gay rights and abortion." Visco said the issues of good government, education and child care should be the driving force of politics and elections. "Democrats cannot win on issues. They cannot afford to go head to head," Visco added.

Regarding the recent Congressional debate on whether to continue sanctions for an undefined period of time or give President Bush the authority to take military action immediately after the Jan. 15 deadline expired, Visco said, "Although a lot of Democrats did vote with the best interests of the country, some would rather have stretched out the problem to election time."

Visco said California will be a key state in national elections throughout the next decade. "Without winning California, the Democrats cannot win the White House," Visco said, adding the state's 54 electoral votes are important in presidential elections.

Hooper told a group of 13 students last night that historically, young people have changed the world, and if they are not working to change the world, we will not move forward.

"We all basically get involved with determining what we really believe in and what motivates us," he said, adding he believes in "what America's all about... being free."

Perry dismissed the Persian Gulf War as a confrontation the United States will win. He said, "I'm not worried about (the Gulf War), we're gonna win that."

"I think the '90s will be unbelievably great if you don't penalize people too much with taxes," he said. "Bush is a great American," he said, adding it was difficult for Bush to operate with a Democratic Congress.

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ronment. She was met by shouts from pro-war students when she said if the war escalates and Saddam Hussein carries out his threat of torching Kuwait's oil reserves, the atmosphere will be harmed.

GW sophomore Brad Iorizzo said, "These anti-war protestors are just throwbacks from the '60s. These guys don't know what they're talking about. They're apart from reality and a bunch of hippies."

YAF Chairman Scott Lauf said, "President Bush has done a great job with the crisis. I'm behind him completely . . . we need to get rid of Hussein."

GW Muslim Student Association President Mohamed Salem said, "We are not against freeing Kuwait and we don't support what Saddam did. However, we don't support the American presence (in the Gulf). We want the Muslims of the Middle East to solve their own problems."

University Police Director Curtis Goode said he didn't expect any physical threats to students from protestors, but security was there as a precaution. When questioned about possible security difficulties from protestors, Goode said University Police have had "no problems to date."

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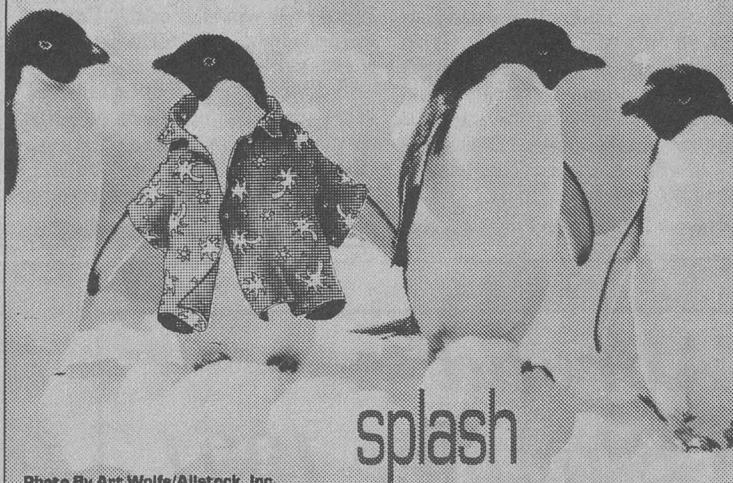


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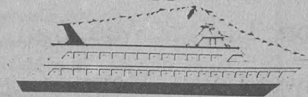
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late, such as Fung Hall and the Academic Center.

GW is also investigating all outdoor emergency phones for their working order and visibility, Chernak said. "We are meeting with the escort services, and we are also exploring the possible expansion of the chauffeur service to off-campus locations which has a high population of GW students," he said.

Junior Maria Proestou asked the administrators about the overcrowded conditions of some upper-level classes.

"There is a shortage of teaching staff in some of the larger departments," Vice President for Academic Affairs Roderick S. French said, adding an unexpected enrollment increase in the Elliott

School of International Affairs is another cause of overcrowding.

"Right now, there is a fairly ambitious program for enhancing faculty numbers in the political science department," French said.

Junior Jason Feldman complained about the abrupt cancellation of his registration without any advance warning.

Vice President and Treasurer Louis H. Katz said the cancellation of schedules without warning is "something we need to work at. We need a better system, and we need to review the policy in cancelling a student's registration."

French said in the past GW would extend a grace period of payment into the semester and found that some students were taking classes with the intention of dropping them if they were not doing well. This left seriously interested students closed out of certain upper-level classes, which is why GW is

very strict with payment policies, he said.

The Northern Virginia Campus will mainly be a center for research and graduate studies, French said. "Its physical proximity to the high-tech companies of northern Virginia will make it more feasible to enter into research contracts with them," he added.

According to Trachtenberg, the NVC will be modeled after research institutions in southern California, such as Stanford and Berkeley, with their close proximity to Silicon Valley.

Chernak addressed questions regarding the false rape reported in the Dec. 6 issue of The GW Hatchet. He said

Mariam Kashani, the sophomore who falsified the rape story, withdrew from GW after a meeting with Acting Dean of Students Linda Donnels. An official report regarding the incident will be released within the week, he said.

Trachtenberg also addressed the possibility of malpractice charges against the Hatchet and who should ultimately be responsible for the contents of the paper. He suggested the Hatchet become completely independent of the University, patterned after The Harvard Crimson.

"Am I the publisher of The Hatchet?" Trachtenberg asked. "I can't hire and fire the editors. I have no say in the

editorial content."

Trachtenberg also answered questions regarding the Oct. 18 blow dart incident. He said he didn't believe the incident was racially motivated.

"I would have thrown that kid out of school if his (dart) hit a puppy dog," Trachtenberg said. "It is no less odious and irresponsible if the perpetrator had been black and the victim white."

Petramale said he was pleased students had an opportunity to meet Katz, who, last fall, replaced former Vice President and Treasurer Charles Diehl.

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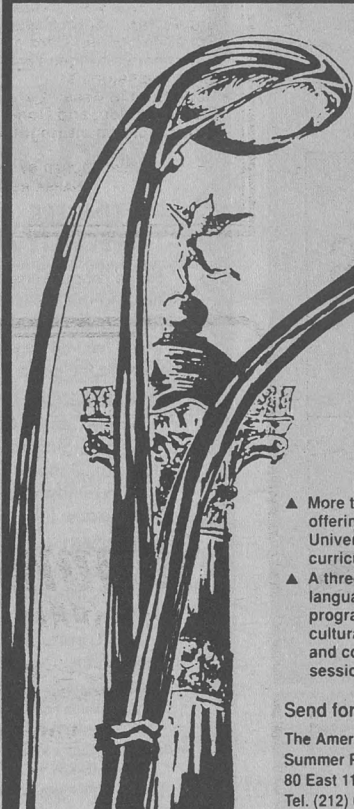
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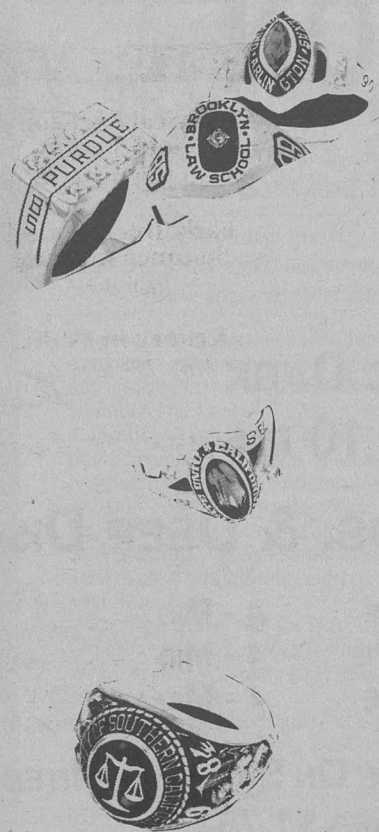
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next fall, they are going to have trouble regulating (fraternities) and the fraternities won't be able to adjust in time," Aldrich said.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said, "I think it makes a lot of sense ... We're interested that people in fraternities graduate in four years." He added, however, the policy may create

financial problems for fraternities who depend on potential incoming rushees.

Aldrich said although the financial burden placed on fraternities is a major concern, statistically, 90 percent of GW fraternities have as many sophomores, juniors and seniors pledge as they do first-semester freshmen, thus most fraternities will not experience a significant dry spell of rushees as a result of the policy.

IFC Treasurer and Vice President of Sigma Chi Aaron Kwitken said, "I think there is no financial burden at all." Fraternities can still have pledge classes, he said, adding they will not be

significantly reduced by the policy.

According to Office of Campus Life Coordinator of Greek Affairs Sue Gowen, the University will not be in charge of carrying out the policy. She said that decision will be left up to the Panhellenic Association and the IFC.

"I feel the University does not have sufficient evidence to prove that a deferred rush is needed," Kwitken said.

He said Sigma Chi has not discussed the matter yet, but added he hoped all fraternities on campus would band together to fight the implementation of the policy. "I want the University to really look at the problem more," he

said, adding, "They're making a blanket statement" by assuming a drop in GPAs is a reflection of involvement in fraternities.

Gowen said sororities have not made any kind of decision on the matter as of yet. She said they support the IFC, but "at this point, the sororities are still in the discussion process."

Kwitken said if the policy is implemented, it should not involve only fraternities. "It should be across the board," he said, adding other organizations also require a great amount of time from their members.

Farmbry speaks to students in District

GW junior Kyle Farmbry, recently awarded the Martin Luther King, Jr. student award, spoke to elementary and high school students Friday at two ceremonies honoring King.

D.C. General Hospital Volunteer Services Coordinator Rockefeller Twyman said he attended GW's Jan. 16 MLK convocation where Farmbry received the award, and asked him to speak to elementary school students at a program sponsored by D.C. General community relations.

"I attended the convocation and was very impressed by Kyle ... I thought he would be a wonderful role model for inner-city children," Twyman said.

Farmbry said one of the issues he discussed with Twyman was how GW students could become involved with community service at D.C. General Hospital.

"One way GW students could get involved is with the border babies who are born as drug addicts ... there are 11 babies right now who are struggling," Farmbry said.

Twyman said he would also like to see GW students talk to teenagers in a hospital setting. "Kids on the street have not seen a role model," he added.

In addition, Twyman said students could volunteer to be part of the hospital's "roving library," in which they would distribute books and magazines and talk to senior citizens in the hospital.

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of any team member this season, as well as a career high — and led the team in rebounds (11) and blocked shots (four). Shasky and McArdle each scored 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Thursday, the Colonial women outscored Duquesne 32-12 in the second half after an atrocious first half in which GW was out-rebounded, 24-13.

The hosts chipped away at the Duchesses' lead in the second half, as it dropped down to 10 on McArdle's lay-up at 16:01. A McArdle basket with 8:58 remaining cut the lead down to six. With 5:13

left, GW scored 13 unanswered points and held Duquesne scoreless for the rest of the game to win by six.

In the first half, Duquesne jumped out to a 19-5 lead in the first 10 minutes of the game. The visitors improved its lead, getting up by 18 at one point before the half ended.

"It was a pretty ugly win," McKeown said. "We were not expecting to lose to Duquesne, but they played a good offensive game."

Shasky led the team with 20 points and was tied for the lead in steals with four. McArdle scored nine points, six rebounds and was tied with four. Nordling picked up a team-high 11 rebounds and five steals, as well as scoring eight points.

Hoops — GW plays for first place in the A-10 as the Colonial women travel to New Brunswick, N.J. to face eighth-ranked Rutgers tonight at 7:30 p.m.

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She followed that up with a score of 307.35 in the 3-meter dive that shattered Stephanie Williams 1985 school record of 298.35 and qualified her for the NCAA's in that event.

Junior Stacey Leo also swam well, capturing a second-place finish in the 200-meter butterfly and helped the 400-meter medley relay team of freshman Kirsten Yauch, freshman Tuba Guvelioglul and junior Jenny Katt finish a close second.

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giving RU an eight-point advantage with 23 seconds to play.
The Colonials ran off five points

in the time remaining but fell short, 80-75.

Jarvis said RU should never have been in position to win the game. "It's a game we should have won," he said, citing GW's inability to put the game away early.

"We had a chance to control our own destiny," Jarvis said. "Obvi-

ously, when you can't do that, you're at the mercy of five players and three referees."

After suffering back-to-back home defeats to Temple and RU in which the opponents came from behind at the end of the game, Jarvis said his team simply needs to execute in the final minutes. "The adjustment (we need to make) is we have to take advantage when the opportunities are there," he said.

GW started the game looking as if it was in control. The Colonials jumped out to a 16-4 lead in the game's first eight minutes.

Holland led the way for GW, scoring the Colonials' first six points and leading all scorers with 22 points. He was the only GW player to score in double-digits.

GW maintained its edge over RU the entire half, leading 34-27 at half-time. Jarvis said the Colonials should

have been ahead by more at the break.

The hosts had multiple opportunities to go ahead by double-digits at the end of the half but could not convert.

After the break, RU whittled away at the Colonials' advantage, taking its first lead of the game, 52-51, on a Hughes basket in the paint at the 10:45 mark.

GW retook the lead on its next possession, but could not pull away and the stage was set for the Scarlet Knights' comeback.

Hughes led the Scarlet Knights — who had three players score in double-figures — with 17 points.

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GW squash wins 2 of 3

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GW head coach Charles Elliott praised the play of ninth-seeded Vogl Muradian, who won both of his matches Saturday.

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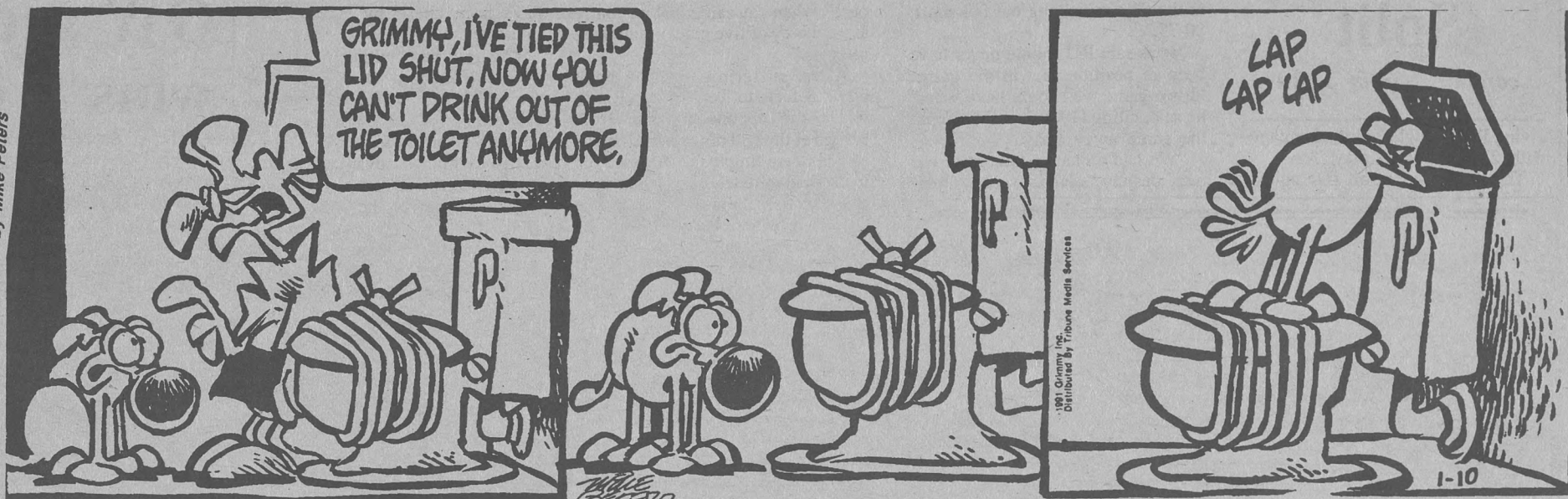


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SPORTS

Women cagers win 9th straight

Victories against Duquesne, West Virginia boost record to 13-2

by Holger Stolzenberg
Hatchet Sports Writer

The GW women's basketball team ran its winning streak to nine games with two strong second-half performances against West Virginia and Duquesne at the Smith Center. Saturday, the Colonial women, down by two at the half, came back to defeat the Mountaineers, 69-67, while GW erased a 14-point halftime deficit against the Duchesses for the victory Jan. 17, 55-49.

GW (13-2 overall, 7-0 in the Atlantic 10 Conference), on the strength of three victories last week, mustered 20 votes in this week's Associated Press rankings, placing the team 35th in the nation. The nine-game winning streak is the longest the GW women's basketball program has ever had and keeps them in a first-place tie with eighth-ranked Rutgers in the A-10.

When asked about the team's winning streak, GW head coach Joe McKeown said, "It feels great. It's an

improvement over where we were last year, as well as the progress the team has made since Christmas."

Second-half defense was the key in both victories. GW held the Mountaineers to 33 percent field goal shooting in the second half and the Duchesses to 26 percent shooting from the field after intermission.

Saturday, with WVU winning 29-27 at intermission, neither the Colonial women or the Mountaineers lead by more than two points for the first seven minutes of the second half.

Sophomore forward Jennifer Shasky brought GW's lead up to four at 12:05 in the second half for the first time in the game. The Mountaineers, though, came back to tie the game at 53 with 6:36 left in the game.

GW took a six-point lead for the first time on a 5-0 run on a free-throw from senior guard Anne Riley, two free-throws from junior center Mary K. Nordling and a jumper from junior forward Kristin McArdle.

WVU cut the lead down to two with 28 seconds left in the game, but the Colonial women held on to win.

In the first half, the Mountaineers went up by six and then worked their lead up to nine with 10:28 left in the half. Eleven straight points led by Nordling's three-point play put the Colonial women up by two. GW finished the half down by two.

"It took a team effort," junior guard Wanda Lanham said. "I hoped that we would play good defense in the second half."

"We played great defense in the second half," McArdle said. "But it was the offense that took charge. We had more patience."

"We didn't back down," McKeown said. "We played steady through the game, and I thought we rebounded well. We got big plays down the stretch from McArdle and Nordling."

Nordling scored 28 points — highest

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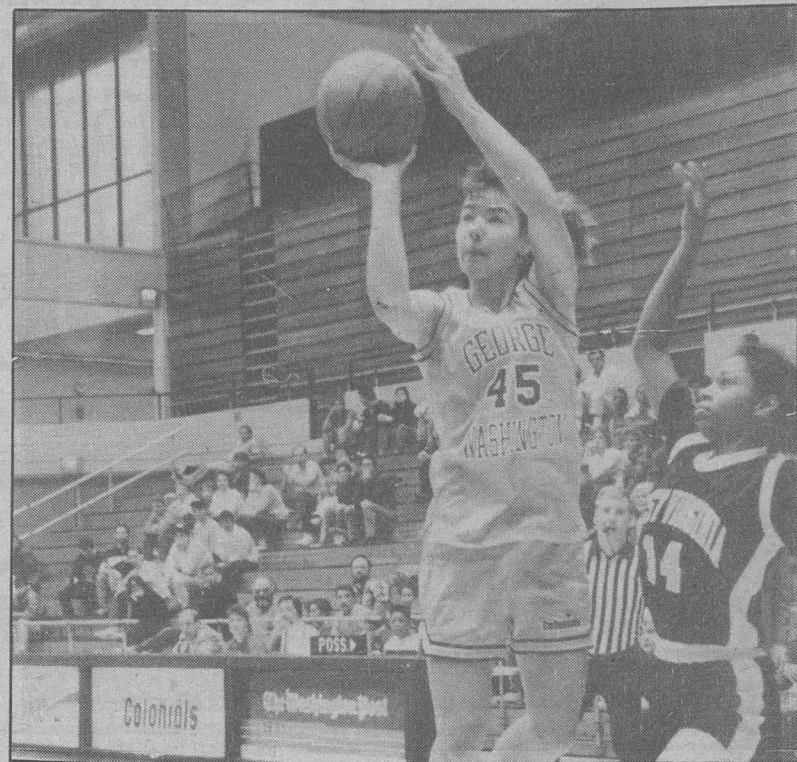


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Jennifer Shasky made it look easy against WVU, scoring 16 points.

Colonials beat SJU, fall to Scarlet Knights

by Scott Jared
Hatchet Sports Writer

It's not supposed to work this way. Home teams are supposed to extend their lead, not lose it at the end of a game.

The opposite was true for the GW men's basketball team last week as the Colonials split a pair of Atlantic 10 Conference games, defeating St. Joseph's, 73-65, Saturday in Philadelphia and losing to Rutgers, 80-75, Jan. 17 at the Smith Center.

GW (9-6 overall, 3-4 in the A-10) came from behind to down the Hawks, taking the lead in the game's final four and a half minutes.

Trailing 58-55 with 4:58 left, the Colonials went on a 12-3 run in the next 3:22 to put the game away. GW started its run on a Mark Karver jumpshot at the 4:42 mark, pulling within one, 58-57.

Sonni Holland scored GW's next five points, hitting two jumpshots and a free-throw, extending the Colonials' lead to 62-58 with 2:45 left.

The Hawks pulled within one on a three-point play on their next possession, but GW would not fold, scoring on two Matt Nordmann freethrows and a Dirk Surles three-point jumper to lead 67-61 with 1:36 remaining.

SJU could narrow the margin to no less than four the rest of the way and GW pulled out the road victory by eight.

Karver — making his third start of the season — tallied a career-high 19 points in the game, tying Holland as the game's high-point man. Karver went eight-of-nine from the field against the Hawks, including three-for-three from three-point land.

The Colonials' late surge became necessary after midway through the second-half GW surrendered a lead they had held throughout the game.

GW's defense stifled the Hawks early, allowing GW to jump out to a 13-2 lead in the game's opening six minutes. SJU's offense finally caught

hold, though, and the Colonials' lead was only three — 36-33 — at the half.

The Hawks continued to narrow the margin in the second half, finally taking the lead 44-42 at the 14:33 mark. SJU held the lead for the next 10 minutes but never by more than six.

Thursday, it was Rutgers who staged a come-from-behind road victory, 80-75, against the Colonials at the Smith Center.

After leading for all but one exchange midway through the second half, the Colonials fell behind, 68-67, on RU center Brent Dabbs' post-up basket with 2:27 left in the game.

After a GW miss on the other end, the Scarlet Knights' Daryl Smith hit two freethrows to put RU up by three with 1:40 left in the game.

The Colonials tied the game with 1:25 to play as Holland converted a three-point play with a basket and a free-throw after being fouled on his jumpshot from the right baseline.

But RU ran off eight unanswered points in the next 1:02 to put the game away.

The Scarlet Knights' run began when Holland was whistled for a controversial foul as RU forward Keith Hughes made a driving lay-up with 58 seconds remaining. Hughes hit the free-throw, giving the Scarlet Knights a 73-70 lead.

GW head coach Mike Jarvis said the foul could just as easily been called against Hughes, but he was not "going to blame the (loss) on the referees."

Following Hughes' free-throw, RU stole the GW inbound pass and Scarlet Knights' guard Earl Duncan dropped in a lay-up as he was fouled from behind with 53 seconds to play. Duncan nailed the free-throw to give RU a 76-70 lead with 53 seconds left.

GW could not convert on its next possession and the Scarlet Knights' Donnell Lumpkin made two freethrows,

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Gymnasts top North Carolina

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For the second straight week, GW gymnasts shattered records as it used strong team performance to down the University of North Carolina, 184.30 to 180.85, Friday at the Smith Center.

The Colonial women (3-1) never relinquished their lead on the way to setting a school record for overall meet score. Freshmen Nikki Bronner and Andria Longeretta also helped set a team record in the floor exercise by recording top ten record individual scores in the event.

GW head coach Margie Cunningham said she was impressed with the team's performance. "Cohesiveness in an individual sport like gymnastics is very important and it's great to have it," she said. "Let's just stay healthy."

The Colonial women took a commanding lead early, with 46.05 points in the vault competition compared to UNC's score of 43.85 on the uneven bars. Junior Angela Sarno led the way for the team on the uneven bars, scoring a 9.3 and giving GW a comfortable margin through the third event, the balance beam.

In the floor exercise — the team's final event — GW gave an electrifying performance. Bronner's 9.5 tied the Colonial women's all-time high in that event, and

Longeretta's 9.4, plus 9.35s from senior captain Lisa Geczik and junior Nancy Plaskett, set the new record of 46.85 points.

The victory over UNC is the first time GW has defeated the Lady Tarheels at home. GW will face UNC again in the regionals — the first round of the NCAA championships. GW's competition does not get easier, according to Cunningham, as the Colonial women face strong opposition this weekend at home, including Division II powerhouse Indiana University (Pa.) and Atlantic 10 Conference rival, Temple.

"This is going to be stiffer competition for us," Cunningham said, "but the team is up to the challenge and is really anxious to have a good showing at home."

Vaults — GW hosts the University of Bridgeport, Indiana (Pa.), Maryland, the University of Pennsylvania, Temple, William and Mary and Yale University at the GW Invitational, Saturday at 1 p.m. The logistics may prove interesting, since Cunningham is pregnant with her third child and is due to deliver Friday. Precedence is on her side, though, with her first two children born two weeks late. Assistant coach Becky LeClair will fill-in if Cunningham has to miss the meet.

Men win, women lose as swim teams split dual meet with Rice

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GW's men and women's swimming teams have been heading in different directions all year. But behind a strong team performance, the men pulled out a win against Rice University, 158-81. The women were not as lucky, falling 106-82 to the Owls, Saturday at the Smith Center.

The Colonials (2-5) destroyed the Owls, placing first in every event. The meet began with the relay team of junior Joseph Mihalik, sophomore Henrik Jensen, senior co-captain Stephen "Mondo" Goth and sophomore Erik Ingram winning the 400-meter medley relay. GW just drifted the rest of the way as Rice seemed to suffer from swimming against American the previous night.

For Ingram, it was the start of a big day. The Tennessee native was a triple winner, winning the 200-meter individual medley and finishing a stellar day with a first place victory in the 200-meter butterfly.

Ingram was not the only standout as sophomore diver Eric Wagner had probably the best meet of his career, according to GW head coach Bob Hassett.

Wagner won both the 1-meter and 3-meter dives for the first time in his career, ousting teammate Damon Ladd-Thomas. Wagner said the competition between himself and Thomas helps his diving.

"Competing with Damon everyday has really helped," he said. "We both put a lot of effort into our diving and the competition makes us perform at our best."

For his score of 327.30 in the 3-meter dive, Wagner will join Thomas, who had qualified earlier in the year at the NCAA Zone Diving Qualifications meet at Harvard, Mass. last March.

Great performances were also put on by Goth, who placed first in all three of his events, and freshman Patrick Holley, who had two first-place and one second-place finish.

It was a different story for the Colonial women (5-2) as they never could manage a lead against Rice.

The women could only muster two first-place finishes, both by standout diver Bobbi Ferraro.

The senior from Westwood, Mass. qualified for NCAA zone meet in the 1-meter dive with a score of 269.925.

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